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SUBJECT: AMENDED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

**REF: DEPARTMENT'S A-9180** 

- 1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM MR. JOEL KREINER OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ATTORNEY FOR THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA, FOR ACCESS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO ALL EMBASSY FILES RELATING TO HIS CLIENT.
- 2. THIS REQUEST RAISES TWO IMPORTANT AND BROADER QUESTIONS:

A. CAN POSTS RESPOND UNILATERALLY TO DIRECT REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, OR SHOULD ALL SUCH REQUESTS BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT?

- B. SHOULD SUCH REQUESTS BE CONSIDERED TO INVOLVE ONLY DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILES, OR FOR PURPOSES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ARE WE TO CONSIDER OTHER AGENCIES' ARCHIVES TO BE PART OF EMBASSY FILES?
- 3. WE ASSUME THAT, AS STATED IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, THE ENCLOSED PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE WAS FOR OUR BACKGROUND ONLY AND INSOFAR AS WE ARE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, WE SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECEIVING FURTHER AND SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

4. MEANWHILE, UNLESS WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHALL REFER THE ABOVE REQUEST AND ALL OTHER SUCH REQUESTS DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

5. REQUEST REPLY ASAP. BRANDIN

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